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Patterson on Educational Planning

Franklin Patterson, Frank L. Boyden Professor of the University, at the annual Institute on Coordinating the Planning Process, sponsored by the Society of College and University Planning at Princeton University, delivered a paper on "Institutional Planning in the Context of Change."

The implications of the long-term trend towards greater technological development are profound for educational planners, Prof. Patterson said.

"To judge by what has happened thus far, technology will bring our general society more strain on the values and beliefs and behavior of individual people, more networking, more uniformity, more homogenization, more need for technical expertise, more organization, more rapid obsolescence of specific skills, and more opportunity. If institutional planning anticipates such effects and innovates adequately in terms of them, we will help our society use education to turn the technological dynamic to humane ends, and our institutions will be vital for the future."

"If planning, on the other hand, continues without more than expedient reference to this long-term trend, our colleges and universities will more and more come to be merely the intellectual equivalent of McDonald hamburger shops: rationalized, cost-effective, uniform, nutritionally questionable, and about as human."

In the planning process, Professor Patterson noted that the long-term trend toward an older population is a most important consideration. He said "we should be cautious about relying too heavily on future population predictions, we can be reasonably certain about the proportionate aging of the American population by the year 2000. The increasing proportion of older citizens--combined with general growth in the need for services, in the need for life renewal, in the need for a sense of meaning and contribution--makes it foolhardy for institutions to plan their futures on the old 18- to 24-year-old student enrollment model."

As he reviewed the various trends that are at the core of educational planning in times of change, he

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emphasized that "the great, exciting challenge for us in thinking about the forward planning of our institutions lies only in the possibility that we may help our colleges and universities positively influence the trends that exist in society. The real challenge does not lie in trying to plan so that our institutions will survive year to year. It lies in helping our institutions find renewed excitement and vitality--and therefore strength--through contributing significantly to the constructive shaping of the future."

Evening Schedule

Vice Chancellor Robert Steamer is advising faculty and staff that "we are beginning to make a concerted effort to offer courses in the evening and also keep services available after 5:00 p.m. There are many difficulties; but with your cooperation we hope to resolve most of them. Would you help out in two ways:

1. Please announce this schedule in your late afternoon and evening classes.
2. Please inform us of any student complaints and requests regarding the evening schedule, availability of services."

Evening Schedule of University Services

College of Liberal Arts (Dean's Office):

Monday through Thursday till 7:00 p.m.

College of Professional Studies (Dean's Office):

Monday through Thursday till 8:00 p.m.

Library: Monday through Thursday till 8:00 p.m.

Cafeteria (Administration Building):

every night till 7:30 p.m.

Bookstore: open till 6:00 p.m. through September 10

Registrar: Mondays and Thursdays till 7:00 p.m.

Health Services: for any emergency, the University Security Office (ext. 2111) can provide trained staff to handle cases in cooperation with local health facilities. In addition, the University Health Services will soon establish an evening schedule.

Veterans Affairs Office: Mondays and Thursdays till 7:00 p.m.

Computer Center: Mondays through Thursdays till 8:00 p.m.

Although a definite schedule has not been established yet for other services (for instance, Bursar's Office, Vocational Counseling, Financial Aid), students in need of assistance after 5:00 p.m. should try to contact those offices directly or, failing that, call the College Dean's Office.

Faculty Meeting

The Fall meeting for the faculties of the University will be held on Tuesday, September 14, at 12:30 p.m. in the Science Auditorium.

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Chancellor Golino will report on University activities and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Robert Steamer will address the group.

Also reporting to the faculty will be Prof. Joan Lucas, Mathematics, Faculty Co-Chairperson of the University Assembly.

The annual election of the Secretary of the Faculties also will be on the agenda.

Computer Services

Faculty wishing to reserve the public computer terminal room in the Science Building for class demonstrations may do so by calling Ext. 2385 at least three days prior to the requested date of use.

Computer Center non-credit introductory courses will be taught beginning Monday, September 13, 1976, during the free hour. Courses are open to the entire University community. For additional information and/or to register for a class call Ext. 2385.

Summer Things

We hope to catch up with a variety of activities by faculty and staff over the summer months that may be of interest to readers. A couple that come to mind: William Roberts, Theatre Arts, was the director of a "unique and imaginative concert" this summer at Provincetown when an original production "The Bird and The Machine" was staged. Daniel Jahn set to music an essay by naturalist Loren Eiseley.

Student Mark Giano was cited as "one of the hardest working Republicans" at Kansas City for the convention. He and a friend rode 27 1/2 hours to get to President Ford's coronation. He was an alternate delegate. His driving chore was described as a blur. He and his friend did not have the money to fly to the convention. "It was poverty that stimulated the drive."

Another student William Walczak spent the summer at Dorchester District Court, directing a program by which unemployed or poor defendants, rather than serving jail sentences could work off their fines in such jobs as cleaning streets, vacant lots, and playgrounds. Under the program, the Dorchester judges referred defendants to Walczak who brought them to pre-selected work sites.

Flea Market

The Student Advocacy Center is entering its second year of existence. In order to raise money for operating expenses, the Advocacy Center will hold a flea market on September 9 & 10. Staff members are asking that people donate saleable items. If you want to help, contact the Advocacy Center, Ext. 2269,

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or come to the Advocacy Center in the Student Affairs area on the 3rd floor of the Administration Building.

The Advocacy Center is a staff or work-study students and a full-time director (funded by the Student Activities Committee) whose purpose it is to help other students who have problems at the University. The student advocates are trained to effectively intervene in behalf of the student in order to resolve conflicts that sometimes arise.

Library Hours

During the Fall Semester 1976, the hours at the Central Library and the Science Library are:

Monday through Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(Closed Saturday)	
Sunday	1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Reviewer

Prof. Richard Robbins, Sociology, who worked for some years in Europe on the problem of the refugee in exile, was the Boston Globe's reviewer for the new book The Marquis by French journalist Claude Chambard. Robbins says the hero of our time is the dissenter and resister, and chief among these heroes during World War II were the members of the Marquis, "the coalition of different groups of partisans who waged a remarkable underground war against the German occupation from 1940 to the liberation of Paris in 1944."

Although the "lightning raids and sabotage of Nazi installations" was heady, intriguing and heroic stuff, Robbins says the author does not adequately tell the dramatic story. "Anyone really interested in the French Resistance must be directed," Robbins writes, "to other larger and better books."

The Twilight of Capitalism?

The Twilight of Capitalism is a new book by Michael Harrington. The Twilight of Capitalism? could be the title of the book review by Prof. Arnold Beichman, Politics, in the Boston Globe. Dr. Beichman does not particularly like Mr. Harrington's definition of things such as Harrington's faith that Marxism "seeks to be rigorously scientific" and that Marx's position "was scrupulously scientific." And, thus, if there could not be any "scientific capitalism" it is Harrington's view that only Marxism is granted the high privilege of being scientific. Beichman disagrees, and asks is there a possibility of a book being written that would enjoy this title: The Twilight of Socialism.

Since we are coming upon the debating season, it would not be a bad matchup on stage for a Harrington-Beichman duel of definitions.